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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: [] Legislation Division
Office of Congressional Affairs

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SUBJECT: Discussion with HPSCI Staffers re FY88 Intelligence
Authorization Bill

1. On 12 March 1987, [] and I went to the Capitol to brief staff members of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence on the FY88 Intelligence Authorization Bill. Staff members present were Mike O'Neil, Bernie Raimo and Steve Nelson. []

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2. With regard to section 401, Raimo said he did not know whether it was needed; he thought the Foreign Agents Registration Act allows registration after the fact. [] stated that he expected section 402 to drop from the bill. I explained that section 403 pertaining to drug and alcohol abuse may go back to last year's language to amend the National Security Act. O'Neil indicated that the committee has not changed its mind; i.e., no one thinks this section is necessary. I explained that the Department of Justice wants to make section 404 regarding security determinations even stronger. Raimo stated that it should be made narrower and confined to applicants. []

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3. With respect to Title V concerning Department of Defense proprietaries, O'Neil thought that more work should be done. In his opinion, there needs to be a central focal point rather than allow each service to handle its own. []

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4. [] indicated that most of Title VI would be dropped. O'Neil said that with regard to the death gratuity provision, DIA employees do not face the same risks as Agency employees. Regarding section 605, O'Neil asked whether cover concerns remain for Agency

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employees who cannot have their names placed in the Congressional Record as do their cohorts in the military, thereby showing indirectly that they are under cover. He then said that the concerns may have disappeared because the system of handling promotions may have changed. [] stated that the military objects to section 607, so he doubts it will survive. []

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5. Per [] the Department of State objects to section 702 because it does not want the National Security Agency (NSA) regulating its cryptographic equipment. However, he said, this provision has administration backing and may stay in. Section 703 regarding the transportation of certain NSA employees' remains and section 704 regarding pay advances to certain NSA employees will probably drop out because of objections by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The problem is that the benefits are government-wide and not limited to the Intelligence Community. [] said that he is unsure whether section 705 respecting the graduate-level skills program will remain in the bill. []

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6. [] summed up by stating that he is unsure when OMB will clear the bill. O'Neil indicated that he did not think they would see it before markup. When asked what the committee intended to put into the bill, O'Neil and Raimo said that they were only contemplating an adjustment to the former spouses law. []

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